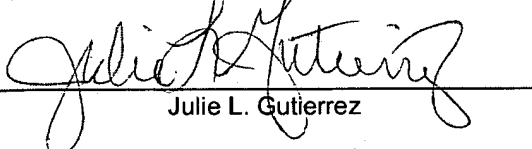


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

ALBERT J. SILVERA

Serial No.: 09/268,412

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SHOE AND A SHOE DECORATED  
USING THE TECHNIQUE

Group Art Unit: 3728

Examiner: J. Mohandesi

**APPELLANT'S REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Appellant in the above-captioned patent application hereby requests an oral hearing under 37 C.F.R. §1.194 in view of the issues discussed in Appellant's Reply Brief filed concurrently herewith. The requisite \$270.00 fee is enclosed.

Appellant further requests that the oral hearing be held via videoconference, with Appellant's attorney to participate at the following facility:

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Appellant requests that the hearing take place on either a Tuesday or a Wednesday at or after 2:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, subject to verification.

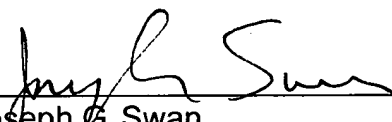
This Request for Oral Hearing is being made within 2 months after the date of the Examiner's Answer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.194, and is accompanied by the appropriate fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d).

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-3735.

Respectfully submitted,

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